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SUBJECT: ALLEGED MISTREATMENT OF CAMBODIANS IN THAI
REFUGEE CAMPS

1. DEPT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT JACK ANDERSON IS PLANNING
TO PUBLISH A COLUMN SOON ON ALLEGED MISTREATMENT OF
CAMBODIANS IN REFUGEE CAMPS IN THAILAND. MATERIAL FOR
COLUMN REPORTEDLY COMES FROM CAMBODIANS NOW IN THE UNITED
STATES. A REPRESENTATIVE OF A CAMBODIAN GROUP IS MAKING
SIMILAR CHARGES OF ABUSE IN LETTERS TO KEY CONGRESSMEN.

2. WE HAVE NO SPECIFICS ON WHAT THE ANDERSON COLUMN WILL
CONTAIN, BUT DO HAVE A COPY OF THE LETTER BEING SENT TO
CONGRESSMEN. (COPY BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSIES.) LETTER
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ALLEGES THAT CAMBODIAN REFUGEES, ONCE IN THAILAND, ARE
FAR FROM SAFE, AND, IF THEY DO SURVIVE, CAN EXPECT BRUTAL
TREATMENT IN THAI CAMPS AND JAILS. ARANYPRATHET CAMP IS
DESCRIBED AS BEING RUN BY THAI MILITARY WHO "DISPLAY A
FEROCIOUS AND RACIAL ATTITUDE" TOWARD CAMBODIAN REFUGEES.
MALES ALLEGEDLY HAVE BEEN BEATEN TO DEATH AT THAT CAMP
FOR MINOR TRANSGRESSIONS. REFUGEES IN SIKHIO "JAIL" ARE

SAID TO BE TREATED "WORSE THAN ANIMALS". LETTER CLAIMS THAT AFTER QUESTIONING AT PRIMARY INTERROGATION CENTERS, A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF REFUGEES "DISAPPEAR" AND STATES THAT THE LOCATION OF GRAVE SITES CAN BE PROVIDED. IT ALSO CLAIMS THAT REFUGEES ARE SOMETIMES TURNED OVER TO KHMER ROUGE BORDER GUARDS FOR A SMALL PRICE BY THAI POLICE. OTHER ALLEGATIONS INCLUDE THE REPORTED DIVERSION OF 40 PERCENT OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE INTO HANDS OF CORRUPT THAI OFFICIALS.

3. EMBASSY COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED SOONEST. CHRISTOPHER

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